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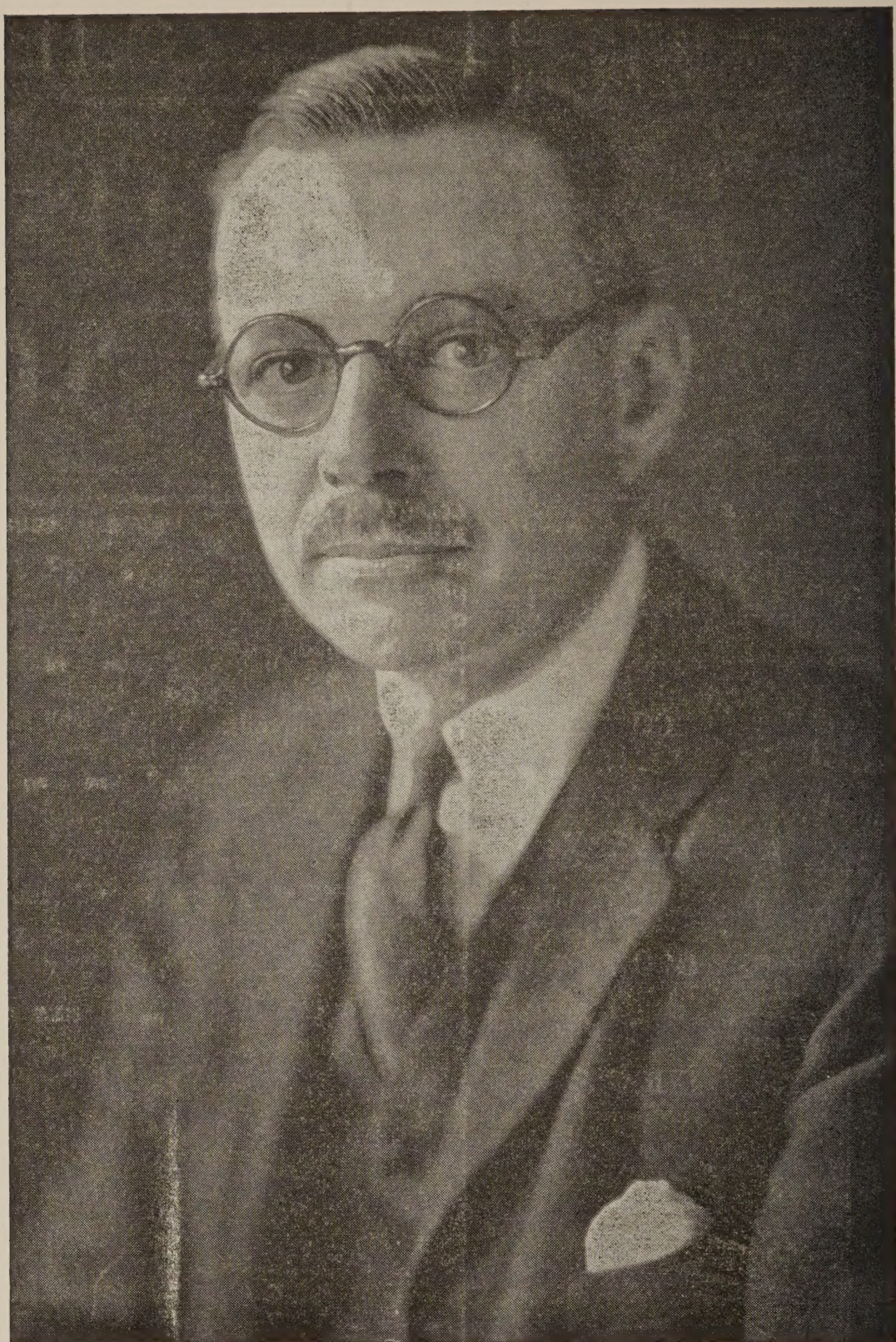
MULLICA TOWNSHIP

1838—1938



*A Chronology of Events from the Time
of Eric Mullica to the Present*

Prepared and Published by the Mullica Township Centennial Committee



Greetings + best wishes to my
friends + neighbors of Mullisa
Township
1938 Wm A. Blas

MULLICA'S BIRTHDAY

This is a time to celebrate,
It is a very special date.
A birthday party we shall give
For this old place in which we live.

Mullica Township's grown up so,
Since one hundred years ago.
To make this birthday party pleasant
Let's select a worthwhile present.

Of things to choose from, there are
many,
She needs a "booster" more than any.
Let's give a helping hand to her,
Who's shy and timid, afraid to stir.

The kinds of farms that I suggest
Are those that haven't had a test.
Of muskrat, bullfrog, goat or mink,
All these should prosper, I should
think.

Some mills to make the things we
need
Would boost her very much indeed.
We've sand for glass and cows for
leather,
And surely these things go together.

An airport, race track, park or zoo
Are things that ought to help her too.
The best broadcasting in the nation,
And here she is without a station.

If these things seem like silly dreams,
Think! Great things come from little
schemes.

—Nesco Upper Grades.

MULLICA TOWNSHIP

1838 - 1938

A Sketch from Its First Settlement to the Present Time.

Mullica Township was formed from Galloway Township and came into being February 21, 1838. It occupied the northerly corner of Atlantic County which was formed in 1837, being set off from the eastern part of Gloucester County. Mullica Township originally included the greater part of what is now the town of Hammonton, also much that is now a part of Egg Harbor, or Egg Harbor City, to use the post office name.

Elwood was first called Weymouth Station but, in order to have a post office, changed its name to Elwood after one Elwood Matlack.

ERIC MULLICA

Eric Mullica, a Swede, who settled about 1645 at what is now Lower Bank, came to America in 1638 when 15 years old, and stopped at a Swedish settlement along the Delaware.

A few years later he removed to what is now Egg Harbor and became the head of a family of eight persons. Mullica when quite old sold his property and removed to the place now known as Mullica Hill, where he died in 1723 aged one hundred years.

SWEETWATER—PLEASANT MILLS

In 1685 about 200 families of Scotch Covenanters found asylum among friends of West Jersey, and in 1707 several families made their home near Pleasant Mills.

In 1758 a rude church or meeting house was built at Sweetwater now Pleasant Mills by Dr. Elijah Clark an old-time minister. This old log meeting house was about 25 by 30 feet ceiled with cedar boards and covered with cedar shingles. It stood upon practically the same spot as the present Methodist Church in the pine grove on the margin of the old cemetery, where sleep several generations of the villagers.

Clark's Log Meeting House was a free meeting house to all. It had no settled pastor but was used by preachers of all denominations. In his journal of 1775 Rev. Philip V. Fithian mentions the names of 27 Presbyterian ministers who preached in this log church.

Rev. Simon Lucas a Revolutionary soldier was one of the primitive Methodists who officiated in this old church twenty years or more before it gave place to a larger and more sightly edifice erected in 1808, still standing and known as the Pleasant Mills Methodist Church.

This church was dedicated by the venerable Bishop Francis Asbury in the following year. Reverend Francis Asbury was the first Methodist bishop in America.

In the cemetery adjoining the church are the graves of the forefathers of the hamlet, the oldest of which dates back to 1760. Two of the graves are of special interest. One is that of Mrs. Abigail Miner whose husband was an officer under the celebrated naval commander Paul Jones, the other is that of Simon Lucas, mentioned above. Mrs. Miner died in 1777, and Mr. Lucas in 1838 in his eighty-third year.

In 1821 a cotton mill with 3,000 spindles was built by William Lippincott a brother-in-law of Jesse Richards, and called the Pleasant Mills of Sweetwater. This mill was in operation 35 years, burned in 1856 and not rebuilt.

A paper mill was built in 1861 and placed in operation by Irving and McNeil, who later took in a third man, John Farrell. Irving and McNeil sold out to Farrell, who with his son William continued the business as the Nescocheague Manufacturing Company until 1878, when the place was again leveled by a fire. The present structure now in disuse was put up in 1880 by the Pleasant Mills Paper Co., a concern organized by the younger Farrell and Herman Hoopes. Farrell died in 1893, and his property, bequeathed to his wife, was sought by his relatives.

The business went to ruin operating under a receiver, until the courts gave a decision in favor of Mrs. Farrell, who afterward married L. M. Cresse of Ocean City, who acted as president of the concern. Mr. Cresse died in 1914, and a year later his widow closed the business after 34 years of turning wheels by the lake spillway.

In 1917 the mill and other property were purchased by the late A. J. McKeone, a former superintendent, with the hope of restoring the old-time prosperity at the place. Industrial conditions following the World War made the time inauspicious. Material and help were difficult to get, freight rates were prohibitive, while the delays and uncertainties of transportation made everything a matter of conjecture.

In September 1917 Mr. McKeone sold the property with the exception of the mansion house to the Pleasant Mills Paper Company, by whom it was leased to the Norristown Magnesia and Asbestos Company and under whose management many alterations were made, new machinery installed from time to time, and the productive capacity of the plant largely increased. The Norristown Company ceased operations in April, 1925.

The first mechanical industry was a saw mill built by one Jack Mullin about 1752.

The building known as the Aylesford Mansion was erected in 1762. At the time of the Revolution this mansion was occupied by a wealthy family, mentioned in C. J. Peterson's romance *Kate Aylesford*. The name Aylesford is fictitious. The real name of the family is not positively known.

During the Revolution, Sweetwater, now called Pleasant Mills, was a place of considerable importance. Colonel Thomas Proctor's Pennsylvania State Regiment of Artillery and a body of New Jersey Militia, well provided with cannon were stationed here in October, 1778, a military post having been established at the forks of the Mullica River in 1777. During a portion of the trying Revolutionary times there was much smuggling by vessels of light draft which could come up the Mullica to "The Forks". Here barrels of sugar and molasses, bags of coffee, boxes of tea and various other articles of trade were taken on shore, placed on wagons and hauled across country in the direction of Philadelphia or Burlington. Subterfuge of all kinds was used to escape detection. This smuggling was considered legitimate as the Delaware River was occupied by the vessels of the enemy and it was with much difficulty that merchandise, particularly groceries, could be obtained in or near Philadelphia.

Near the headwaters of the Mullica River about five miles from the village of Elwood is a long, narrow island, midway of the stream and parallel with its course. The division thus formed is called "The Forks" and marks the head of navigation. Here at the time of the Revolution stood a small hamlet in whose houses and barns were stored many of the cargoes captured by privateers. The inaccessibility of the place to British vessels of war precluded all danger of a hostile incursion from the seaboard, and so profitable did the business of handling prize cargoes become that "The Forks" rapidly increased in population and importance. About the year 1778 the predatory bands of refugees, or pine robbers, as they were sometimes called became troublesome, and to guard against their attacks a small military force was kept at The Forks for several months. This force, with a number of volunteers from The Forks, participated in the defense of Chestnut Neck, when that post was attacked by the British on October 6, 1778. The return of peace was followed by the speedy decline and eventual decay of the settlement at The Forks. Within fifty years of the present date a few of its old habitations were still standing, but they have disappeared, leaving no vestige to link the present with the vanished past.

From the most authentic accounts it appears that about the year 1753 there was a settlement near the forks of the Mullica River, in Atlantic County, which consisted of about twenty log houses and was called Sweetwater. Its inhabitants were typical woodsmen, who lived by lumbering and tilling the soil, varying these occupations with hunting and fishing.

There was also at this time, in the vicinity a small band of half-savage white people who lived in wigwams, after the manner of the aborigines, and held little, if any intercourse with their neighbors. They were known as "the clam eaters." After a few years these savage beings mysteriously disappeared. They probably joined one of the Indian tribes west of the Delaware.

GEORGE CHISLETT

The first legal execution in Atlantic County took place on November 26, 1877, when John Hill and John Fullen were hanged for the murder of George Chislett, a farmer living in Mullica Township. Three men were implicated in the crime, but one of them Isaac Dayton, who had procured the gun with which the shooting was done turned State's evidence and furnished the testimony on which the men were convicted. The evidence showed that Chislett had been called out of his house and shot down without warning. The two principals were tried in September and sentenced to be hung in November. Dayton was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment, but was released after serving less than half his term. Hill and Fullen were a pair of never-do-wells, who were said to have committed enough crimes to be hung twice over. There were rumors that there would be an attempt at rescue by some of the desperate companions of Hill, and Sheriff Samuel Adams asked the Governor for military protection. The troops arrived the day before the execution. These prisoners attempted to escape by digging through the solid old wall of their prison with table knives, converted into saws by means of a file which they had in some manner secured. When nearly through they found that they had dug into a chimney place and had still another wall to go through. The attempt to escape ended in failure and the men were executed by hanging.

JOE MULLINER

A refugee band led by Joseph Mulliner was long a terror to the patriots living in the vicinity at The Forks. Their favorite rendezvous was an almost inaccessible jungle known as Cold Spring Swamp. Mulliner was an Englishman and is described as a young man of good address and attractive personal appearance. He was over six feet in height. His band of outlaws sometimes numbered nearly a hundred, and they had little regard for human life if it stood in the way of their infamous plans. Mulliner's wife was an active and cunning assistant, giving information in person or by note, which often led to the capture or injury of the patriots. Mulliner wore an officer's uniform with a ponderous sword at his side and a brace of pistols in his belt. When on the march he also carried a gun, so that he was amply equipped for an attack at any time.

At last his outrages became too audacious for even the tardy justice of those troublesome times, and he was hunted down by an armed force, arrested and imprisoned at Burlington. His imprisonment lasted but six weeks, when he was tried and sentenced to be hung at Burlington on August 16, 1781. It is recorded that on the day of his execution thousands of persons assembled to witness the hanging. The condemned desperado was placed in a wagon, which contained his coffin, and was followed by a procession of people. They passed out of Burlington over Ewing's bridge to a place called "Gallows Hill" where the condemned man was suspended from the branch of a large tree. Under the gallows he confessed many of his crimes and acknowledged the justice of his sentence. A letter from Burlington to the **Pennsylvania Packet**, of Philadelphia, under date of August 16, 1781 gives following account of his conviction and execution: "At a special court lately held in Burlington, a certain Joseph Mulliner, of Egg Harbor, was convicted of high treason and sentenced to be hanged this day. This fellow had become a terror to that part of the country. He made a practice of burning houses and robbing and plundering all who fell in his way, so that when he came to trial it appeared that the whole country, both Whigs and Tories were against him."

After his execution Mulliner's body was delivered to his wife, who still resided at the Forks of the Mullica. It was taken to Pleasant Mills, then known as Sweetwater, and interred in a plot of land he had once owned, not far from the present site of the paper mills. About 1860 his bones were exhumed by a party of drunken woodsmen and taken to Batsto, Burlington County, but by the order of Jesse Richards, owner of the Batsto Iron Works they were returned to their original resting place, where they have since lain undisturbed.

It has been stated that Mulliner was hung on one of the buttonwoods at The Forks; also that he was hung as a spy, with two other men, at Woodbury. Neither of these statements, as shown by the foregoing is true.

The following description of Mullica Township is taken from the Historical Collections of the State of New Jersey, by John W. Barber and Henry Howe, 1844.

Mullica, the N. W. Twp. of the county, was formed in 1838. It is about 13 miles long, 8 miles wide and is bounded N. E. by Burlington Co., S. W. by Hamilton Twp., S. E. by Galloway Twp. and N. W. by Gloucester Co. Surface level and covered by a pine forest. Gloucester, Pleasant Mills and Hammonton are settlements. Gloucester is in the S. E. part on a branch of the Little Egg Harbor or Mullicus River where there is a furnace giving employment to about 100 men, a grist mill, saw mill, and about 25 dwellings. The iron works, now the property of John Richards Esq., were founded in 1813, previous to which there was no settlement. Pleasant Mills on Atsion River, a branch of the Mullicas, contains an extensive cotton factory, a Methodist church, and about 30 dwellings. Hammonton is the name of a locality in the western part of the township, where there are glass works and a few dwellings. The township contains 10 stores, capital \$16,900.00; 1 furnace, 3 grist mills, 7 saw mills, capital \$19,300.00; 5 schools, 296 scholars. Population 1056.

AMATOL

In March 1918 there was established in Mullica Township a Government Loading Plant known as Amatol.

The tract occupied covered an area of about 6600 acres on which railroad tracks were laid, loading sheds, coal trestles, water tanks were erected together with other construction necessary to the handling of material and men engaged in loading shells for use in the World War. There also was built a "Town Site", comprising more than a hundred dwellings, a theatre, market, and other facilities. There was a central heating plant, electric current, water supply and a sewerage system. In common with other projects of similar character this plant was "salvaged" and today there remains little to indicate that only 20 years ago this was the scene of feverish activity on a tremendous scale.

A few years later there was erected an automobile race track 1½ miles in circumference called the Amatol Speedway, on which a number of races were held which attracted the kings of the racing game. Records were made and broken but the venture was not a financial success and was abandoned.

The track was afterward used by a prominent automobile manufacturing concern on which were established various long-distance and endurance records. The immense grand stand, 75 or 80 feet high and seating many thousands, and the track itself have disappeared, leaving small trace of their former existence.



A History of Mullica Township

A century ago, February 21, 1838, Mullica Township was created out of Galloway Township, one of the four townships comprising the new county of Atlantic, which had been, the year previous, 1837, carved out of Gloucester County. When Mullica Township was created into a new township it had a much larger area than now, for subsequently a part of Egg Harbor City was carved out of Mullica Township and later the town of Hammonton also.

One hundred years ago the southwestern part of Mullica Township, traversed by what is now the White Horse Pike and Moss Mill Road, was practically a wilderness with the exception of a few houses in old Elwood and an occasional charcoal burner's cabin.

A large part of this acreage was owned by the proprietors of the Gloucester furnace. Different lots of pine and oak forests were regularly cut every twenty years and the wood converted into charcoal, which article was used in the smelting works of the Gloucester furnace.

Long before Mullica Township became a separate township the northwestern part adjacent to the Mullica River was well settled. Weekstown, Pleasant Mills, and New Columbia (now Nesco) were thriving settlements. The early history of Pleasant Mills was made famous in prose and poetry by the pen of the late Charles F. Green. Its old mansion, the Aylesford Mansion forming the background of the historic novel "Kate Aylesford" by Mr. Isaac Peterson, was even before our national independence already a place of industry. Good waterpower made it profitable for different enterprises to locate here. For a considerable time a cotton mill gave employment to many.

The Batsto-Pleasant Mills glass works output of glass must have been considerable as a large sandhill near Cooksfield is more than levelled to supply sand for the manufacture of glass. Later a paper factory made the village hum with activity for many years. A postoffice, blacksmith shop, stores, and saw mills did a thriving business. On many a calm spring morning the hum of the paper machinery, pleasing to the ear like a murmuring brook, could be heard for a distance of over 5 miles. Today Pleasant Mills is almost deserted, only a few of the old historic buildings remain, but thank God, the old church dedicated to Christian service more than a hundred years ago still welcomes the faithful to service.

New Columbia (now Nesco) and Weekstown have long passed the century mark. Old homes tell us that here the hardy pioneers cleared the wilderness and laid the foundations for prosperous farming communities. In Nesco we find an old, precious land mark. Amidst old forest trees stands an old church that heralds to us the glad news from the dim past that here dwelt a people that loved God and longed to worship in an abode dedicated to Him.

Up to the late sixties or early seventies the polling place of the township was at Pleasant Mills, after which it was changed to Elwood, for, ever since the Camden and Atlantic Railroad was built rapid changes took place. During the Civil War period and soon thereafter Mullica Township loomed high on the political horizon. Senator Samuel Stille, M. D., of Pleasant Mills and Assemblymen Benjamin Overhiser of Elwood and P. M. Wolsieffer of Agricultural District (now Waona) were sent to Trenton, and Sheriff Timothy Henderson to Mays Landing to guard the welfare of the county against evil doers.

Many old historic roads traverse Mullica Township. One of the oldest is the Indian Cabin Road. Part of the Indian Cabin Road was a stage road. One of the stopping places was Cooksfield already an old settlement in 1830, that historic year in New Jersey when slavery was abolished in the state. Among those freed was a house slave, the late Mr. Shortiss, to whom Mr. Richards generously gave the Cooksfield estate. Yes, Mullica Township is aglow with historic events in the early history of our country.

Turning into one of the deserted roads that lead into the Cold Spring Drive-way and walking a few hundred feet, you will come across embankments at the confluence of the Mullica and Batsto Rivers now overgrown with forest trees.

It is the old Revolutionary fort where fifty men were stationed to protect the Batsto cannon works, who with the aid of volunteers from the surrounding countryside repulsed the invading enemy at the battle of Stillwater. Alas! no shaft, no, not even a little memento marks the ancient historic shrine.

Other historic roads are Moss Mill Road and the old Egg Harbor road. They were busy roads in olden times. Old landmarks dotted these thoroughfares. The old Saylor Boy Hotel raised a few years ago was the stopping place for many a weary traveler. Another landmark on Moss Mill Road was the old log cabin formerly occupied by Mr. Cook, an 1812 war veteran. This log cabin was within 400 feet of Union Avenue. Another road built in the dim past is the one from Gloucester furnace through Weekstown to Pleasant Mills, then merging with the old historic road through Nesco, past the old settlement at Hammonton Lake, finally merging with the White Horse Pike. Another road now only partly discernable passed Clark's Landing, later Sholler's Mill, traversed a large part of the township connection with the Moss Mill Road 2 miles from Elwood crossing the old Cooks field road. Shortly before and soon after the Civil War period a new day dawned upon the southwestern part of Mullica Township, when men with vision built the first railroad between Camden and Atlantic City. New developments were envisioned. Civil engineers surveyed the land laying out avenues and parcels of land. The section of the Gloucester Farm and Town Association situated in Mullica Township, Elwood, Da Costa, and East Hammonton tried with each other to transform the wilderness into homes and fertile fields. The close of the Civil War gave further impetus to the settlement of this section. The returning soldiers, sick of the tumult, the horrors, the deafening roar of battle of those 4 years of strife, longed for the quietness and peace of rural life and found it in this section. Though entering a strenuous life as, the pioneer life always is, it also was a joyous life to carve homes out of the wilderness.

Later another development brought many new settlers to Mullica Township. Early in the present century the Frazier tract formerly the Batsto tract was developed. Cooksfield, that old settlement long clothed again in sylvan beauty resounded with the settlers axe and soon farms sprang up. The paving of the White Horse Pike gave such an impetus to the settlement of this tract and homes became so numerous that the part between the Pike and Moss Mill Road had its own school and was designated as a new division known as Devonshire.

(Charles D. Saalman.)

The first township meeting was a joint meeting of Galloway and Mullica Townships and was held on March 4, 1838 in Nicholas Thompson's Inn, at Pleasant Mills.

The following, extracted from the township records, shows the names of the officials for various periods during the past seventy-seven years, and also gives certain other information which it is thought may be found interesting.

1861. Election held at the home of A. Hankins. James H. Curl, Clerk. B. B. Doughty, Assessor; Eri Wills, Collector; Samuel Stille, Freeholder; Wm. A. Elvins, Freeholder; Thos. Irving, Chairman Township Committee; H. S. Wetherbee, Township Committee; C. W. Weeks, Township Committee; A. Somerby, Township Committee; John Kenan, Township Committee, James H. Curl, Town Superintendent.

For Township Purposes, \$1,000; School tax per scholar, \$2; Dog Tax, \$3. Constable, Thomas Abbott; Overseer of Poor, Thomas Abbott.

1863

"A list of officers elected at an annual town meeting, held at the house of Sooy Wilson—March 11, 1863."

Town Clerk—Edward T. McKean.

Assessor—A. Somerby.

Collector—William Black.

Commis. of Appeal—John McNeil, Timothy Henderson, Joseph H. North.

Chosen Freeholders—Timothy Henderson, Theodore Leavenworth.

Overseer Poor—David Wescoat.

Surveyors Highways—B. F. Griswold, Theodore Weeks.

Judge of Elections—B. B. Doughty.

Constable—David Wescoat.

Pound Keepers (5).

Township Committee—Timothy Henderson, E. M. Lancaster, G. W. Pressey, Theo. Weeks, G. W. Rich.

Town Superintendent—F. R. Brace.

For Dog Tax, 50c head. Twp. Purposes, \$1500. School Tax, \$2 per scholar.

Town Meetings and Elections, Columbia Hall, Columbia.

NOTE.—At a meeting in "New Columbia" on July 6, 1863, attention of L. Montfort was called to a resolution passed in March, 1861, requesting overseers of Roads in Township "not to spend more than \$50 in any one district except at the recommendation of the Township Committee."

New Columbia, Jan. 1, 1864.

An open town meeting was held this day, ... the object of the meeting being stated to wit: "To take into consideration the propriety of raising by the Township an additional bounty to those already offered to Volunteers to fill the quota of the Township. It was on motion adopted, that this Township raise a bounty of Two Hundred and Twenty-five dollars, the same to be paid so soon as the volunteers were mustered into the service of the United States.".... "The following named gentlemen were appointed a committee to negotiate the orders for such persons wishing the money, to wit: Timothy Henderson, H. L. Wetherbee, David Wescoat, A. G. Clark, T. Leavenworth and E. T. McKean. On motion that the above named committee be authorized to have the act of the Township legalized by the Legislature of the State, it was adopted. Edw. T. McKean was appointed as the Town Clerk and at the expense of the Township, to proceed to Trenton to pay the volunteers the bounty offered" Etc.

Signed: Edward T. McKean, Clerk.

At a Township meeting on March 9, 1864, the Township Committee were authorized to pay the sum of \$300 to each man who may be drafted to fill quota of the Township.

A list of the Officers elected at an Annual Town Meeting held at Columbia Hall, March 9, 1864.

Town Clerk—Edward T. McKean.

Assessor—George W. Riggs.,

Collector—Wm. Black.

Commissioners—Timothy Henderson, Benj. F. Griswold, Ezra S. Packard.

Freeholders—Timothy Henderson, Theo. Leavenworth.

Constable—William Black.

Overseer Poor—Henry T. Pressey.

Judge of Elections—Thomas Irving.

Surveyors of Highways—Geo. W. Rich, Wm. T. Weeks.

Justice of Peace—Thomas J. Smith.

Township Committee—Timothy Henderson, Wm. T. Weeks, John C. Bryant, Chas. S. Bulkley, A. Somerby.

Town Supt.—Frederick R. Brace *(Bonded for \$2000).

Pound Keepers—(5 men).

Appropriations: Dog Tax.....	\$.50
For School Tax	2.50
For Township Purposes ..	1,000.00
For Volunteer Bounty (total)	2,500.00

* Rev F. R. Brace was ordained as an Evangelist Oct. 29, 1861, by the Presby. of West Jersey to labor in the Brainerd Presby. Church, Elwood, N. J. Also in Hammonton Presby. Church.

Columbia Hall, New Columbia, March 8, 1865.

—Officers Elected—

Town Clerk—Edw. T. McKean.

Assessor—Geo. W. Riggs.

Collector—Eliphalet Whittlesey.

Commissioners of Appeals—(3 men).

Freeholders—Thomas Irving, Geo. Elvins.

Constable—David Wescoat.

Overseer of the Poor—David Wescoat.
 Surveyors of Highways—John Abbott, Wm. T. Weeks.
 Judge of Election—Benj. B. Doughty.
 Township Committee—Geo. W. Rich, Benj. F. Griswold, Chas. E. Roberts,
 Thos. Wetherbee, Wm. T. Weeks.
 Town Supt.—Frederick R. Brace.
 Pound Keepers—(5 men).

—Appropriations—

For Township Purposes	\$1,000.00
For Township Bounty (with interest)	6,500.00
For School Purposes—per scholar	3.00
For Dog Tax—per head	.50

Columbia Hall, New Columbia, March 14, 1866.

—Officers Elected—

Town Clerk—C. S. Bulkley.
 Assessor—Geo. Riggs.
 Collector—B. B. Doughty.
 Commissioners—Timothy Henderson, B. B. Doughty, B. H. Overhiser.
 Freeholders—Timothy Henderson, George W. Rich.
 Constable—Wm. R. Moore.
 Overseer Poor—Wm. R. Moore.
 Surveyors of Highways—John Abbott, Thos. Crowley.
 Judge of Elections—Wm. Mershon.
 Township Committee—Timothy Henderson, Jos. A. Dunnell, B. H. Over-
 hiser, Jas. H. Curl, Chas. P. Scull.
 Town Supt.—Eliphalet Whittlesey.
 Pound Keepers—(5).
 Justice of Peace—Galeon Parkhurst.

—Appropriations—

For Township Purposes	\$1,000.00
For School Purposes—per scholar	3.00
For Dog Tax—per head	.50

Elwood, N. J., April 9, 1866.

“The Twp. Committee of the Twp. of Mullica, and the Council of the town of Hammonton, met in Convention, pursuant to the act of the Legislature, incorporating said town of Hammonton, at the house of Thos. Irving, in Elwood, on the 9th day of April, 1866, to adjust the debts and liabilities of the Twp. of Mullica, between said Twp. of Mullica and the new Town of Hammonton.”

Elections at Sooy Wilson's, Pleasant Mills, March 4, 1870.

—Officers Elected—

Town Clerk—John H. Wilson.
 Assessor—Geo. Riggs.
 Collector—B. B. Doughty.
 Comm. Appeals—John Wescoat, J. B. Dick, Thos. Crowley.
 Freeholders—Geo. W. Rich, Wm. T. Weeks.
 Constable—Lyford Beverage.
 Overseer Poor—Lyford Beverage.
 Surveyors of H.—John Wescoat, Thos. Crowley.
 Twp. Comm.—G. Parkhurst, Wm. T. Weeks, David Wescoat, Robt. W. Irving,
 John Abbott.
 Judge of Election—John Magee.
 Justice of Peace—B. B. Doughty.

—Appropriations—

For Schools—per scholar	\$ 4.00
For Roads	600.00
For Incidentals	1,000.00

March 10, 1875.

—Officers Elected—

Town Clerk—James B. Filer.
 Assessor—Tie vote—decided by Twp. Com. in favor of Geo. Riggs.
 Collector—John H. Wilson.
 Freeholder—Geo. W. Rich.

Twp. Comm.—James M. Adams, Jas. Weeks, David Wescoat, Chas. Hill, Wm. Marrott, Jr.

Com. of Appeals—Jno. Langham, Asa Wilson, Wm. Mershon.

Constable—Isaac Jarvis.

Overseer Poor—Isaac Jarvis.

Surv. H'ghways—John Wolf, John W. Weeks.

Judge of Election—Wm. Mershon.

—Appropriations—

For Repairing Roads—For each Dist. (4 dist.).....\$100.00

For School Purposes 400.00

Town meeting and election at Post Office Hall, Elwood.

Thompson's Hall, Elwood, N. J., March 9, 1880.

—Officers Elected—

Town Clerk—Edw. A. Nisbet.

Assessor—Walter S. Miller.

Collector—Andrew Doughty.

Freeholder—Jesse R. Abbott.

Township Committee—Galeon Parkhurst, W. H. Bassett, Geo. Riggs.

Commissioners—Thomas Crowley, Chas. Whitney, Samuel C. Nichols.

Constable and Overseer of Poor—Benj. Jarvis.

Surveyors of Highways—Wm. C. Carson, Wm. T. Weeks.

Judge of Election—Melvin D. Walker.

Inspectors of Election—Israel Dilks, James W. Ashborn.

—Appropriations—

For Roads\$500.00

For Schools 400.00

For Constable Salary 25.00

Dog tax 50 cents to be applied to schools.

Treasurer—Geo. Riggs.

Motion to raise \$1500. to pay our County indebtedness.

Langham's Hall, Elwood, N. J., March 10, 1885.

—Officers and Appropriations—

Town Clerk—Chas. B. Thompson.

Assessor—Walter S. Miller.

Collector—David U. Brown.

Freeholder—Galeon Parkhurst.

Township Committee, 3 years—Wm. E. Farrell.

Commissioners—Freer Gee, Geo. Schneider, Geo. Carson.

Constable—John Piper.

Overseer Poor—John Piper.

Surveyors of Highways—Wm. B. Dick, Wm. C. Carson.

Judge of Election—John W. Johnson.

Inspectors—John W. Weeks, Foster F. Sweet.

Poundkeepers—Dist. 1, Noah Spellman; Dist. 2, John Craig; Dist. 3, Ed. Brown.

—Appropriations—

For Old Roads\$700.00

For Schools 500.00

For Defense of Crowley Bond Suits 500.00

Printing 15.00

Treasurer—Oliver Gee.

Langham's Hall, Elwood, N. J., March 11, 1890.

—Officers—

Town Clerk—Howard Bozarth.

Freeholder—John T. Irving.

Assessor—Walter S. Miller.

Collector—Jacob N. Wunder.

Township Committee—Chas. Saalman.

Justice of Peace—J. Hobart Filer.

Comm. of Appeal—Thos. Crowley, Freer Gee, Taylor W. Smith.

Constable—Gabriel Wagner (unexpired term Wm. Laycock).

Constable—Benj. Jarvis (3 years).

W. NORRIS WEEKS, Chairman

Mullica Township Committee



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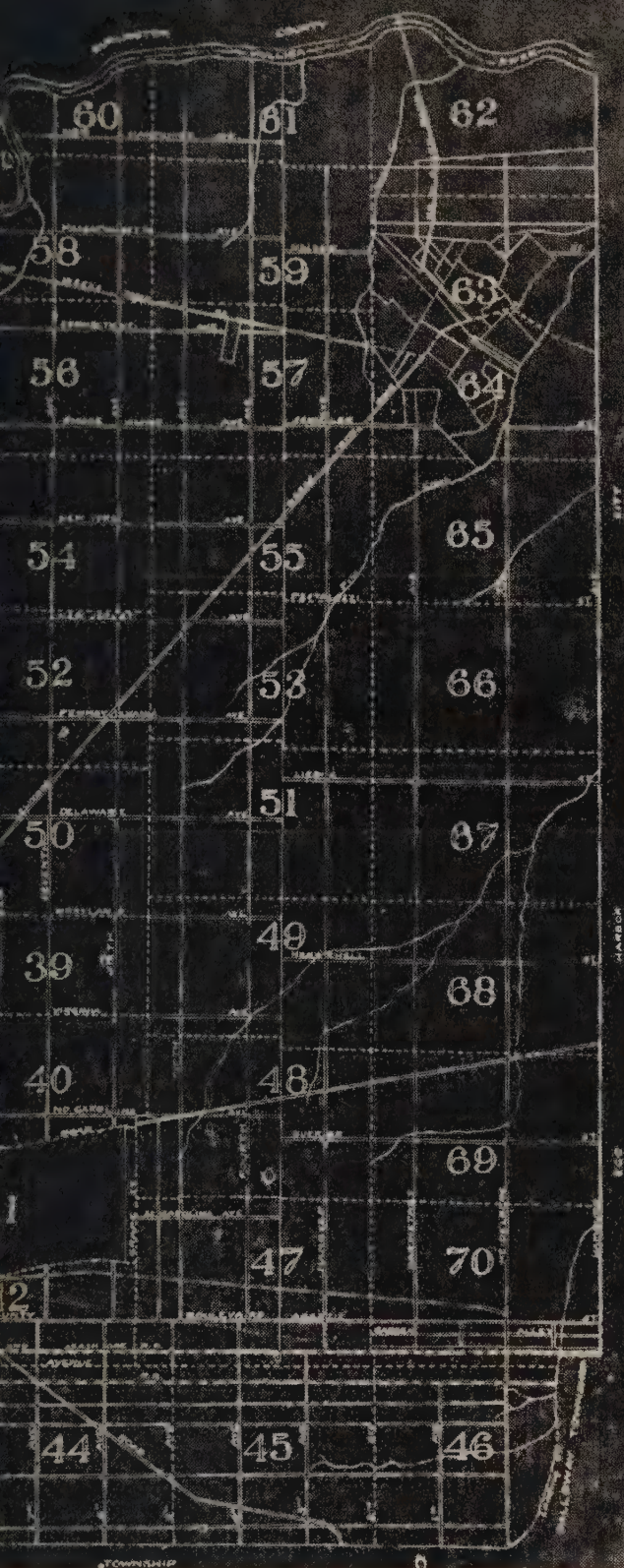
Seated—ANTHONY LANZA, Township Treasurer; KARL STEIN, Justice of the Peace; VINCENT LANZA, Township Committeeman.

Standing—CHARLES L. KUEN, Tax Collector; HENRY TAPKEN, Assessor; JAMES R. COBB, Chief of Police; KARL B. BIESELIN, Township Clerk; WM. G. SAALMAN, Jr., Freeholder.



MAP OF MULLICA TOWNSHIP showing its excellent accessibility afforded by transportation facilities and many roads. Recreation is found in and along its numerous ponds, streams and the broad

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TAX MAP
OF
MULLICA TOWNSHIP
1915
ATLANTIC COUNTY, N. J.

Scale 200 feet to 1 inch.

Made from surveys in the field and made on file
at the County Clerk's Office, May Landing, N.J.
Joseph A. Tolson, County Engineer,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Thomas, 1915.

Joseph A. Tolson.

Mullica River. Here, less than a hundred miles from one-tenth of the nation's population are broad fields, clean pine forests and sparkling waters where once dwelt the Indians of the Lenni-Lenape.

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MULLICA TOWNSHIP CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Seated—HENRY TAPKEN, Rev. CHARLES EBELL, chairman; KARL B. BIESELIN.

Standing—CHARLES L. KUEN, VINCENT LANZA, GEORGE H. JOHNSON, WM. G. SAALMAN, Jr.

Not in Picture—MRS. JENNIE C. FRISBIE, CARL STUTZBACH, W. NORRIS WEEKS, CHARLES D. SAALMAN, CHARLES SOUTHARD, ADRIAN THIBAUT.



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Standing—KENNETH PHILLIS, THOMAS B. THOMPSON, LOUIS MORGENWECK, HENRY YANHKO, Jr., JAMES ADSHEAD, Clerk.

Surveyors of Highways—Joseph Estlow, Nicholas H. Pierce.

Judge of Election—John W. Johnson.

Inspectors of Election—Hugh S. Adams, John Miller.

Overseer of Poor—Benj. Jarvis.

For Roads\$600.00

For Schools 420.00

For Report 15.00

For Poor 25.00

Dog tax 50 cents.

Irving Hall, Elwood, N. J., March 12, 1895.

Township Clerk—John T. Irving.

Freeholder—John T. Irving.

Township Committee—Reuben Brooker.

Collector—John M. Meredith.

Treasurer—Charles Saalman.

Comm. of Appeal—Theo. W. Holden, Daniel Wescoat, Lewis K. Hill.

Surveyors of Highway—Chas. H. Vanderlip, Elwood J. Weeks.

—Appropriations—

For Roads\$800.00

For Elections 60.00

For Poor 50.00

For Report 15.00

Constable—Benj. Jarvis.

Irving Hall, Elwood, N. J., March 13, 1900.

—Officers Elected—

Township Committee—1 year, Reuben Brooker; 2 years, Charles Saalman; 3 years, Alexander McKeone.

Assessor—William W. Phillips.

Collector—John A. Abbott.

Constable—Lincoln Champion.

Justice of the Peace (for unexpired term—two years)—Chas. H. Vanderlip.

Comm. of Appeal—2 years, Ross B. Pierce; 3 years, James Watson.

Surveyors of Highways—Chas. H. Vanderlip, Wm. B. Dick.

Pound Keepers—John W. Ford, Emil Barthel.

—Appropriations—

For Old Roads\$1,000.00

For Elections 50.00

Irving Hall, Elwood, N. J., March 11, 1902.

—Officers Elected—

Township Clerk—John T. Irving.

Township Committee—Chas. Saalman.

Justices of Peace—Herman Schirmer, John D. Carver.

Constables—Benj. Jarvis, Henry Williams.

Overseer Poor—Benj. Jarvis.

Comm. of Appeal—Ross B. Pierce.

Surveyors of Highways—Wm. B. Dick, Constant Cobb.

Pound Keepers—August Guenther, John W. Ford, James Watson.

—Appropriations—

For Roads\$1,000.00

For Elections 100.00

For Poor 50.00

For Board of Health .. 50.00

For Memorial Services.. 15.00 (Pleasant Mills)

For Memorial Services.. 10.00 (Elwood)

Note. On April 23, 1902 Irving Hall destroyed by fire. All Township books and papers filed in wooden cases were destroyed. Books and papers in safe damaged but not destroyed.

On May 2, 1902, a special meeting of the Township Committee was held at the residence of John T. Irving, at which time the Clerk reported the damage to Twp. property in the fire of April 23, 1902. At this meeting the question of providing a proper hall and meeting place for the Committee, elections and other

public gatherings was discussed at length, and the unanimous sentiment of the Committee was favorable to the Township erecting a Town Hall, the cost to not exceed the sum of Three Thousand Dollars.

On May 26, 1903, the Township Committee purchased a lot 100x200 feet adjoining the Benj. Murphy property on the County Road (Agassiz St.) from the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, for the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

Hall built by Albert C. Wescoat, of Nesco, contractor; finished, inspected, accepted by Committee and final settlement made at a meeting held on May 2, 1904. Contract price \$1,834.00.

**General Election Tuesday, November 7, 1905, Town Hall, Elwood.
Township Officers Elected.**

Township Clerk—John T. Irving.
Township Committee—Chas. Saalmann.
For Constables—Benj. Jarvis, Gabriel Wagner (did not qualify).
Overseer Poor—Benj. Jarvis.
Comm. of Appeals—Joseph Butterhof.
Surveyors of Highways—Wm. B. Dick, Benj. Murphy.
Pound Keeper—Benj. Murphy.

—Appropriations—

For Roads	\$800.00
For Poor	50.00
For Board of Health	100.00

November 8, 1910.

Township Committeeman—John Mick (3 years).
Surveyors of Highways—Gottlieb Mick, James Watson.

—Appropriations—

Road	\$1,000.00
Board of Health	100.00
Poor	100.00
Forest Fires	200.00
Election	200.00

Town Hall, Elwood, N. J., Jan. 1, 1915.

—Officers—

Township Clerk—Geo. N. Cassel.
Township Committee—Fred Schroeder, (Jos. Albor, chairman, K. B. Bieselin)
Treasurer—Karl B. Bieselin.
Constables—C. C. Palmer, Benj. Murphy.
Janitor Town Hall—Gottlieb Mick.
Tax Collector—Frank Edwards.
Solicitor—Albert C. Abbott.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1915.
Officers Elected.**

Freeholder—Wm. A. Blair.
Member Township Committee—Joseph Albor.
Assessor—Henry Tapken.
Tax Collector—Frank Edwards.

—Appropriations—

Repairing Roads	\$1,200.00
Forest Fires	200.00
Board of Health.....	100.00
Poor	100.00
Elections	200.00

Nov., 1920.

Township Committee—Henry Butterhoff, Alexander Michel.
Township Clerk—Alexander J. McKeone.
Constables—Norris W. Weeks, John Rossel.
Treasurer Appointed—Henry Tapken.

On August 9, 1921, the Shade Tree Commission of Mullica Township was created, and the three commissioners appointed were: Karl B. Bieselin, W. A. Brown and Alexander Michel, without compensation.

1924—Officers Elected.

Committeeman—Jos. Albor, term 3 years.
 Assessor—Henry Tapken, term 3 years.
 Tax Collector—Frank Edward, term 3 years.
 Surveyor of Highways—Geo. N. Cassel, term 1 year.

Appointments

Treasurer—Henry Tapken, one year.
 Solicitor—Chas. N. Phillips, one year.
 Constable—Jas. R. Cobb.

Notes.

Wm. A. Blair, resident of Mullica Township, was elected to the office of County Clerk, 1923.

May 24, 1924—Township Committee appropriated \$20.00 to Pleasant Mills Memorial Services.

Oct. 25, 1924—(Street lights Elwood, 1924; Nesco 1927). The Committee instructed the Solicitor to draw up a form of ordinance creating a Fire Department and recognizing the Nesco and Elwood Fire Companies.

1925—Elected

Freeholder—Henry Butterhof, term 2 years.
 Township Committee—R. C. Williams, term 3 years.
 Mullica Township Fire Department placed under municipal control January 1, 1925.

Mullica Township Officers for 1930.

Township Committee—Joseph Albor, Chairman; W. T. Henshaw, Norris W. Weeks.

Treasurer—Harry E. Kehler.
 Solicitor—Clarence B. Dixon.
 Clerk—Karl B. Bieselin.

Mullica Township Officers—1935

Freeholder—Wm. G. Saalman, elected.
 Township Committee—Joseph Albor, Chairman; Norris W. Weeks, Albert E. Fisher.

Clerk—Karl B. Bieselin.
 Treasurer—Chas. T. Stutzbach.
 Solicitor—L. D. Champion.
 Traffic Officer—Jas. R. Cobb.
 Shade Tree Commission—Karl B. Bieselin, W. A. Brown, Carl Schirmer.

Township Officers 1938

Freeholder—Wm. G. Saalman.
 Township Committee—Norris W. Weeks, Chairman; Vincent Lanza, Chester Wescoat, (elected Nov. 1937, died Dec. 1937).

Assessor—Henry Tapken.
 Justices of the Peace—Carl L. Nassokin, (died Dec. 1937) Karl Stein.
 Treasurer—Anthony Lanza.
 Solicitor—Enoch A. Higbee, Jr.
 Auditor—Thos. J. Christiansen.
 Clerk—Karl B. Bieselin.
 Engineers—Adams and Rehman.
 Tax Collector—Chas. L. Kuen.
 Shade Tree Commission—Robert S. Smith, Carl Schirmer, Karl Stein.

Assessors of Mullica Township from 1866 to 1938.

1866—George Riggs.	1876—J. B. Wright.
1868—Charles D. Saalman.	1877—Wm. T. Weeks.
1869-1870—George Riggs.	1878 to 1893—Walter S. Miller.
1871-1872—B. B. Doughty.	1894 to 1906—W. W. Phillips.
1873-1874—Wm. T. Weeks.	1907 to 1912—Jesse R. Abbott.
1875—George Riggs.	1912 to 1938—Henry Tapken.



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